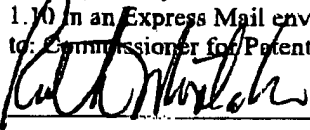


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Sir:

This Supplemental Amendment is responsive to the Official Communication of October 11, 2002. A petition and fee for a one-month extension of time is attached.